

Magnets have a north and a south pole. If you make this magnet small enough so that it looks like a point, all you will see are the looping lines of force mapped out by iron fillings or by using a compass.

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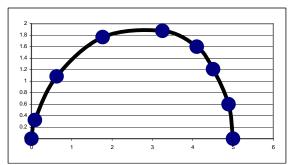
Х	Υ
+0.0	+0.0
+0.1	+0.3
+0.6	+1.1
+1.8	+1.8
+3.2	+1.9
+4.1	+1.6
+4.5	+1.2
+4.9	+0.6
+5.0	+0.0

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Problem 3 - At each of the midpoints to the segments, draw a line that represents the tangent of the curve at the midpoint. Place an arrow head mark so that the tangent 'arrows' are pointed in a counter-clockwise direction.

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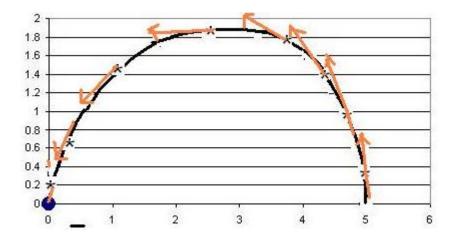
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Answer: Example: x1 = (+0.1 + 0.0)/2 = +0.05, y1 = (+0.3 + 0.0)/2 = +0.15 so (+0.05, +0.15) is the first midpoint.

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Answer: Compare with the drawing in the Introduction to this problem set.